

Family Activities for Wednesday

On the Move

Teacher Appreciation Parade

Help celebrate Teacher Appreciation week by honoring your favorite teacher in your child's life.

Materials:

- Photos of your child's teacher or a poster with their name
- Marching band music
- Noise makers, pop poms, instruments, or any other materials that could enhance your parade experience

Instructions:

1. Begin by making a sign or printing photos of your child's favorite teacher...be creative!
2. Start the music and have your child march through a clear path to show their love for their teacher

Adventures Online

Exploring Emotions

Many children are missing their teachers right now! Join Elmo and sing about your feelings- specially your feelings about your teachers!

<https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/emotions/?activity=sing-it-out>

When you help children express and understand their emotions, you're helping them to overcome challenges, understand others, and communicate. Here's a video that explains it for family members.

<https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/emotions/>

Play the feeling face game on the site after watching the video. This game helps children learn words describing feelings and express their own emotions.

Sensory Time

Thank you, Teachers

Say thank you to all the great teachers out there by showing off your skills.

Materials:

- 2 bins
- Tongs, spoons
- Small objects (pom poms, cotton balls, balls of paper, small toy figurines or cars)

Instructions:

1. Put child safe items in one bin.
2. Let your child use the tongs and spoons to transfer the items from one bin to another.

Take a photo of your child showing off their fine motor skills and send it to their teacher.

Story Time

Book Nook

Toss a blanket, pillow and some books in a laundry basket or box and create a cozy book nook for your toddler!

Kids love to get in and out of the basket and it's a fun way to encourage reading.



You could also accomplish the same thing with a sturdy box or any other kind of basket.

Teacher Appreciation Activity: Snap a Pic

Take a picture of your child or family participating in Story Time activities and send to your child's teacher. Add a short "Thank You" for all that they do. We know that it will add a smile to their day!

Arts and Creativity

Handprint Cards

A cute way that your toddler can show their appreciation for a special teacher or person in their life.

Materials:

- 2 pieces of Paper: different colors preferred.
- Crayons (optional)
- Marker or pen
- Glue or tape
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Fold one piece of paper in half along the long side to make a card.
2. Trace your toddler's hand on the other paper.
3. Cut out the hand
4. Glue onto the front of the card.
5. Your child can draw a stem, or a flowerpot under the hand "flower"
6. Write "Thank you for helping me grow."
7. Inside the card, let your child be creative, decorating for their special teacher or person.

Talk to your child about the special person in their life. Ask them to draw what they love about that person, or a special time that they shared. Share with their teacher or special person!